



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

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## **Finding Meaning in Life**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Restrooms:** The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

**Cry Room:** We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.



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## ORDER OF SERVICE: MORNING PRAISE

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**OPENING HYMN.....Lord of All Hopefulness (CWS #769)**

*STAND*



The musical notation is for the hymn 'Lord of All Hopefulness' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, a half note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics 'O Lord, o - pen my lips.' are written below the notes. A triplet of eighth notes (G, A, B) is marked above the final three notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note C, a half note D, and a quarter note E. The lyrics 'And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.' are written below. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, a half note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics 'Hasten to save me, O God.' are written below. The fourth staff continues the melody with a quarter note C, a half note D, and a quarter note E. The lyrics 'O Lord, come quickly to help me.' are written below.

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.

**C** And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

**L** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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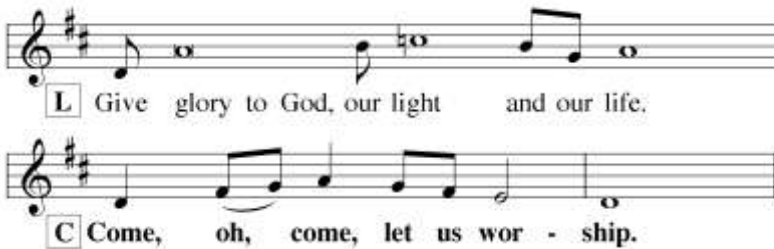
- M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD (*VENITE*)

*Congregation sings the refrain and joins the cantor to sing the verses.*



*Verses*

1. You are a great and a wondrous God,  
 2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
 cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.  
 You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
 You are the God whom we call our own,  
 you made the seas and the dry land.  
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*to Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

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# THE WORD OF GOD

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:18-26

*"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.<sup>19</sup> And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.<sup>20</sup> So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun.<sup>21</sup> For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.<sup>22</sup> What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun?<sup>23</sup> All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.<sup>24</sup> A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God,<sup>25</sup> for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?<sup>26</sup> To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.*

### PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 63



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**Cantors:** *O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.*

**C: Refrain**

**Cantors:** *For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

**C: Refrain**

**Cantors:** *On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

**C: Refrain**

**SECOND LESSON.....Colossians 3:1-11**

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.<sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.<sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.<sup>8</sup> But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**



Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! These words are

writ ten that we may be lieve that Je sus is the Christ, the

Son God. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

**GOSPEL.....Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"<sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop."<sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'<sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'<sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'<sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly (CW #484)**

**SERMON.....Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:18-26**

*Sermon Theme: "Finding Meaning in Life"*

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**THANKSGIVING**

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You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.





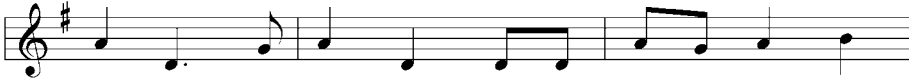
**Verses**  
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



**praise you, we praise you!** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;



**praise you, we praise you!** With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,  
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*  
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*

## OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;  
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

**M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

**M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**C:** **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

**M:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C:** **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

***Special prayers and intercessions may follow.***

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

***Silent prayer***

**M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C:** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM.....*Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone*

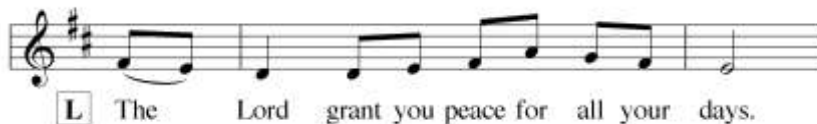
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## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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**M:** *(Sung)* O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.





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**CLOSING HYMN.....Take the World, But Give Me Jesus (CW#355)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance: Worship -25; Communion -19.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund - \$1195; \$50.

### **CROSS OF GLORY BOOK CLUB - SATURDAY, August 6<sup>TH</sup>**



The Cross of Glory Book Club will be having its next meeting at the Hahms' house on Saturday, August 6th starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi. All are welcome. If you plan on attending, please speak with Heather Hahm.